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FRANK LUMBER BUYS BLM TIMBER SALE NEAR GATES

SALEM—On February 25, 2004, 6553 CCF (hundred cubic feet) of timber was sold at an oral auction at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Salem District. The Turnridge timber sale sold for \$1,327,544.50.

The Turnridge timber sale of 6553 hundred cubic feet, located in Linn County, five miles south of the town of Gates was purchased by Frank Lumber Company of Mill City. The timber was appraised at \$994,504.00. There were two other qualified bidders.

In October 1997, BLM began selling all timber in hundreds of cubic feet (CCF) measurements. The Scribner system has been the standard of measurement for the past 125 years, but it has become outdated because it only predicts the amount of lumber that will be produced from a given log. The smaller the log and the more taper in the log, the greater the error in volume measurements.

In search of a measurement system that would make accurate estimates of all the volume in logs, the BLM joined with industry and the U.S. Forest Service to develop the National Cubic Scaling Rule. This new system presents an opportunity to have a single national measurement system that is used by federal agencies and industry. The cubic system offers accurate consistent measurements for lumber, chips and sawdust that is produced from logs of all sizes. It also provides a consistent and common unit of measure in all aspects of forestry including forest inventory, planning, appraising, timber cruising, log scaling, product recovery and statistical reporting.

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